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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

KEITH R. ANDERSON et al.

Application No.: 09/500,887

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For: HIGH-SPEED NETWORK OF
INDEPENDENTLY LINKED NODES

Examiner: Kenneth N. Vanderpuye

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 14 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 15-20 as follows:

15. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the hub is largely housed out of doors within environmentally controlled housings.

16. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein the hub is powered by power sources emanating from a plurality of the buildings.

17. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 20, wherein one or more of the communicating stations comprises a residence.

18. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 20, further comprising a protective pedestal housing at least a portion of the nodes.